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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice to the patentability thereof, Claims 48-52.

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action dated September 17, 1997, the period for response to which has been extended three months from December 17, 1997 to March 17, 1998. In the Office Action, the Examiner (1) objected to the specification and rejected Claims 29, 34, 36 and 43-45 under 35 U.S.C. 112 and (2) rejected Claims 48-52 under 35 U.S.C. 101. In this response, Applicants traverse the rejections and request reconsideration of the claims.

In addition, Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of and consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO1449 dated and submitted on March 20, 1997. Copies of these documents are provided herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial next to each document on the Form PTO 1449 and return a copy of the initialed document to Applicants.

Lastly, Applicants submit the following Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

The following information is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 in accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56. This submission is not an admission that the documents cited herein are prior art as to the invention claimed. Because this Information

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